

FLOOD PLAIN PERMIT COMMITTEE MEETING

*201 West Gray, Building C, Human Resources Conference Room
Monday, November 5, 2012
3:30 p.m.*

Minutes

PRESENT: Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works
Susan Connors, Director of Planning/Community Development
Scott Sturtz, City Engineer
Ken Danner, Subdivision Development Manager
Jane Hudson, Principle Planner
Sherri Stansel, Citizen Member
Neil Suneson, Citizen Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd McLellan, Development Engineer
Julie Shelton, Staff
Rick Schlechter, Storm Water Engineer

The meeting was called to order by O'Leary who introduced Rick Schlechter as the new Storm Water Engineer with the Public Works Department. O'Leary asked the committee for approval of the minutes of the October 3, 2012 meeting. Motion by Suneson. Seconded by Sturtz. Approved 7-0.

Item No. 1, Revisions to Ordinance O-1213-25, Flood Hazard District: O'Leary introduced the application as a request from the Public Works Department for a revision of the flood plain ordinance due to a new Flood Insurance Study going into effect February 20, 2013. McLellan gave a brief history of the flood plain ordinance and the purpose of the ordinance which first went into effect in 1975 and has been revised ten (10) times since. It was noted that in 2011, a limited flood insurance study was done for a portion of Little River and a tributary of the Canadian River from a grant through FEMA's Risk Assessment Mapping and Planning Partners Program (RISK Mapp). A detailed study of the Little River flood plain was performed from approximately 12th Avenue NE to Interstate 35. It was explained that the study was done to now provide the City with base flood elevation data and provide a floodway. The Little River study area is currently mapped as Zone A and is a 100 year flood plain but does not include any base flood elevation data. The new study affects two FIRM panels and approximately 60 property owners. In addition, it was shown that the tributary to the Canadian River had no flood plain originally and now it is Zone AE with base flood elevation data. McLellan added that all property owners in the noted areas were notified one year ago of the upcoming changes.

Benefits were noted to the committee to include more accurate and detailed maps including base flood elevations, and the mapping has been integrated with the City's GIS system to provide citizens, developers and engineers better data. It was clarified that changes to the ordinance need to be approved to avoid Norman being removed from the NFIP Program. McLellan stated the two parts of the ordinance needing to be revised to include the new Flood Insurance Study referenced in Section 3-A and the updated FIRM panels in Section 4. O'Leary added that a public hearing had been conducted in November 2011 which was conducted by OWRB and FEMA and informed the committee that the RISK MAPP program is a federally funded program resulting in our city receiving over \$100,000 worth of engineering services from the federal government proving to be a very beneficial program. McLellan added that the maps are being used today but do not become effective until February 2013.

Discussion among the committee to include comments from Suneson, Sturtz, and Danner. Motion to approve from Sturtz. Seconded by Danner. Connors made note that notification to the affected property owners would need to be done for the Planning Commission meeting and that this should be treated like a zoning change instead of a code amendment.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Miscellaneous discussion from the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.